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NEWS RELEASE

THERE ARE 359 DAYS UNTIL TAX DAY 2013 TIME TO CHOOSE A CPA?

Consumer guide from the CBA offers help in choosing and working with CPAs

Sacramento- Whether a CPA will be preparing your taxes, helping you create a roadmap for your financial future, keeping your books or any other of the many services a CPA can offer, selecting the best person for your needs is a major decision. In order to help consumers make wise choices in selecting and working with a CPA, the California Board of Accountancy has published the new Consumer Assistance Booklet. Among the topics:

- What Services Are Provided by CPAs?
- What is a Peer Review?
- How to Select a CPA.
- What Is an Engagement Letter and Why Do I Need One?
- What if I Have a Complaint?

"Most of us will need the advice and services of a CPA at some time in our lives," said Patti Bowers, Executive Officer of the CBA. "We believe this booklet can help consumers understand how to successfully select a CPA they can trust, what services are available to them and how to address problems if they arise."

The Consumer Assistance Booklet is available for viewing and downloading online at http://www.dca.ca.gov/cba/publications/pamphlet.pdf and will also be made available at consumer outreach events.